

REMARKS

Claims 56-61 were pending when the outstanding Office Action was mailed on October 4, 2007. Claim 56 has been amended in accordance with the proposed amendments discussed with Examiner Alie during a telephone interview on March 26, 2008. No claims have been canceled from the present application. Therefore, claims 56-61 remain pending in the application. Also enclosed please find formal drawings 1-6.

In the Office Action dated October 4, 2007, all of the claims were rejected over U.S. Patent No. 1,345,882 ("Repass"). More specifically, the pending claims were rejected as follows:

(A) Claims 56, 58, 59 and 61 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Repass; and


(B) Claims 57 and 60 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Repass.

The undersigned representative would like to thank Examiner Alie for holding a telephone interview on March 26, 2008. During the interview, claim 56 and Repass were discussed, and agreement was reached that the foregoing amendments to claim 56 overcome the prior art rejections based on Repass under Sections 102 and 103. The applicants accordingly request that this paper also constitute the Applicants' Interview Summary.

In light of the foregoing amendments and the agreement reached in the March 26 telephonic interview, the applicants request reconsideration of the application and respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, he is encouraged to call the undersigned representative at (206) 359-3258.

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